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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO AMCONSUL ISTANBUL PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 7444

AMCONSUL FLORENCE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, CPAS, ASEC, AU (STERN, STEVE)

SUBJECT: W/W STEPHEN STERN, PPT FRAUD

RE ISTANBUL 4174

1. FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF DECEMBER 16 TELEGRAM TO SECSTATE  
WITH INFO TO ISTANBUL:

"1. ON DECEMBER 15 THE REAL STEPHEN STERN APPEARED AT AM-  
EMBASSY VIENNA WITH PASSPORT, TOLD OF MEETING MAN WHO LATER  
COULD HAVE BEEN HIS IMPOSTOR.

"2. ON OCTOBER 28, STERN WAS ON FERRY TUNISIA TO ITALY IN  
COMPANY OF OTHER AMERICANS. MET MAN WHO WAS BLACK, VERY  
DARK, BROAD FACE, HIGH CHEEKBONES, EARLY TWENTIES, 6'2",  
SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH WITH ACCENT, HAD NO POSSESSIONS EXCEPT  
TWO BOOKS AND SOME PAPERS, SAID WAS FROM GHANA (?) (STERN  
NOT SURE), HAD 2-DAY TRANSIT VISA THROUGH ITALY, HAD ALMOST  
NO MONEY AND THEREFORE WAS AFRAID OF BEING TURNED BACK  
BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. STERN LOAND HIM \$100 TO SHOW  
AUTHORITIES. MAN ASKED FOR STERN'S ADDRESS IN U.S.  
(SAME AS MOTHER'S), PRESUMABLY TO WRITE THANKS. MAN  
SAID GOING TO OWN EMBASSY IN ITALY TO GET NEW PPT (OWN  
TO EXPIRE SOON) AND GET HELP TO EXTEND STAY IN ITALY.  
AFTER LANDING WENT SEPARATE WAYS, NOT SEEN SINCE. STERN  
DOES NOT RECALL NAME."

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2. STERN CONTACTED AGAIN YESTERDAY. NOW IS FAIRLY

CERTAIN MAN HE MET WAS FROM GHANA. STILL DOES NOT  
RECALL NAME. STERN HAS NEVER LOST PASSPORT. MEEHAN

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